

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

February 23, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Attention: Energy CLASS Prize Review Team
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585

RE: The Energy CLASS (Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools) Prize

Dear Energy CLASS Prize Review Team:

As the Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I am writing to ask your consideration of Kansas City Kansas Public Schools' (KCKPS) application for funding through the Energy CLASS (Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools) Prize.

This proposal strongly aligns with the Energy CLASS Prize's funding objectives. If awarded, grant funds would support training and staff expenses to improve the district's building upgrades, enhancing energy savings and improving air quality for students and staff.

Stretching from the urban core of the Kansas City Metro area to the rural edges of Wyandotte County, KCKPS is the largest, most diverse district in the county, serving 22,973 students from pre-kindergarten to high school; a majority of KCKPS students represent traditionally underserved communities. The disproportionate rate at which KCKPS students and families experience poverty and negative health outcomes, combined with the lack of community resources that support the district's capital budget for building improvements, creates a critical need for support. This is especially true for the older buildings targeted in this proposal.

I kindly request that you give your full and fair consideration to KCKPS' grant proposal. If you have any questions, please contact my Constituent Services and Outreach Representative, Patrick Hampton, at 913-530-0071.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress